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OPP bill hits MH budget hard

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are feeling the pressure of the township's increased OPP bill as they put together the 2015 budget.

Residents could see a tax increase of as much as six per cent at the lower-tier level, more than four per cent of that directly attributable to the spike in policing costs.

Passed by the provincial government in August, the new OPP billing formula will nearly double Haliburton County's collective OPP bill from approximately \$3.3 million to approximately \$6.3 million during the next five years.

The increase is being phased in during that time. In Minden Hills, the OPP bill will increase 57 per cent from about \$1.2 million to approximately \$1.9 million. For 2015, the first year of the phase-in, the township's OPP requisition will jump by \$245,000, from approximately \$1.2 million to more than \$1.4 million.

The \$245,000 represents a 4.13 per cent increase over the 2014 tax levy. With growth at 1.17 per cent and inflation at .895 per cent, the draft budget contains a total levy increase of \$367,530, or 6.19 per cent.

The 2014 levy was \$5.93 million.

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Nesbitt Memorial Arena



We Are Hockey

Hockey enthusiasts gather in front of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Jan. 31 donning hockey paraphernalia for a group photo that was submitted in support of the Minden Hills nomination for Kraft Hockeyville. The winner of the annual competition receives funding for arena upgrades.

Photo submitted

Condo proposed for Minden's Newcastle St.

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Greystone – the Huntsville-based construction company responsible for Haliburton's Granite Cove condominium complex – is proposing a condo project in Minden.

Company owner Patrick Dubé and Peter Brady of Trophy Property Corp. visited Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 29 meeting.

Dubé wants to build a 15-unit condo development at 9 Newcastle St. The property, located directly beside the Haliburton County office building, currently houses an aging brick home and backs onto the

Minden Hills municipal parking lot.

From Newcastle Street, the building would appear two storeys tall but actually have four floors, including the underground, heated garage.

"They have a bit of a rustic feel," Dubé said of his company's buildings. "I won't deny that I copied some buildings in Whistler. We like stone, we like wood and like that kind of style."

Along with Granite Cove, Greystone is currently building Granite View condominiums on Haliburton's Mountain Street and the new county EMS base in Minden.

It's built condos in other communities including Fenelon Falls and Gravenhurst.

Each unit would include two bedrooms,

two bathrooms and occupy approximately 1,000 square feet.

They would be priced between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

"It's a formula that's worked on all the projects I described before," Dubé said.

There would be 15 parking spots in the underground garage as well as additional parking off Newcastle Street.

"They almost always have one car," Dubé said of buyers. "We always see spare parking outside."

He stressed the company tries to use responsible building practices and materials and that his buildings require minimal en-

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MH staff combs budget for savings

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“Ultimately, the gist is we haven’t been able to get to the percentage council asked us to get to,” chief administrative officer and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told councillors during their Jan. 29 meeting, explaining the municipal portion of the increase was just over two per cent, at 2.06. “The community services department is still working through their numbers.”

The draft budget for the community services department – which includes the operation of the township’s parks, cemeteries, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and the community centre – is \$1.22 million.

The draft budget for the roads department is approximately \$2.58 million, property and environmental operations \$758,000, the clerk’s department \$536,000, the fire department \$437,000 and the building and bylaw department \$255,000.

“We continue to take money out of reserves,” Blanchard said, explaining the township’s roads reserve was below \$1 million, a level it has traditionally been kept at as a safe, emergency contingency.

Blanchard said reserves for parks and recreation were also underfunded and that \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year should be going into them.

Reeve Brent Devolin suggested that one way for the township to save some money may be to put a percentage cap on grant requests coming to the township from outside organizations.

“Part of it they bear, part of it we bear,” he said.

So far, there is a total of \$17,000 in grant requests from organizations such as the Minden Food Bank, Cat Angels and the Minden Horticultural Society.

“I’m not liking how we have to deal with the budget because of the OPP costs,” said Councillor Pam Sayne, emphasizing the issue had to continue to be raised with the province. “It’s very hard to see how much

we are giving to the local food bank versus how much we are giving to the OPP.”

The grant request from the food bank is for \$3,500.

The request from the horticultural society is \$2,000 for plants which are planted throughout Minden’s downtown, as well as free use of the community centre for meetings and an annual flower show.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon wondered if exceptions would be made for a case such as the horticultural society, where the township benefits directly.

The draft budget includes \$30,000 for a drainage study for Minden, which Blanchard wasn’t sure would be enough.

Devolin said he was hoping the township would be able to access federal funding for flood mitigation planning.

The township is also attempting to recover cash from outstanding building permits.

Devolin wondered what it would take to bring the township’s portion of the increase under two per cent, or the entire increase to under six per cent.

Blanchard reiterated that more savings may be able to be found in the community services department.

“Staff need to know where your comfort level is and we’ll try our best to get there,” Blanchard said.

Referencing failing infrastructure in Toronto, Devolin said he thought there was a philosophical danger in leaving projects off the table for the sake of keeping taxes down.

“I have no intent to just pick an arbitrary, politically expedient number,” he said.

Devolin had said at a county council meeting a day earlier that he wished the OPP increase could go on the tax bill as a separate line so residents could see it is out of the township’s control.

Staff will continue to comb through the draft budget and bring a revised version back to council.



Submitted

This rendering shows what the condo being proposed by Greystone would look like from Minden’s Newcastle Street.

Council to make condo decision in March

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ergy consumption.

“It’s an urban in-fill development, which we feel is healthy for a small town,” Dubé said, adding it would be an opportunity for residents to live close to downtown and the medical centre. “Keeping people in your community makes sense.”

Brady, who does marketing for Dubé’s buildings, said people want condos in the Minden area.

“We’ve had a lot of requests for the Highway 35 corridor,” he said.

The underground garage would be accessed from the building’s rear and Dubé was looking for a right of way over the Minden Hills municipal parking lot, as well as the elimination of two parking spaces from the lot for the creation of an entrance.

“That’s the ask,” he said.

Dubé was also seeking a construction staging area in the parking lot that would take up about 10 parking spaces.

He said construction would take about

10 months and that typically he begins building in the fall, completing construction by the following autumn.

Construction wouldn’t start until a certain number of pre-sales had been completed.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, who said he was excited to see the proposal come forward, told Dubé and Brady their request had given council much to digest and that they could likely expect a decision in March.

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It’s an urban in-fill development, which we feel is healthy for a small town.

— GREYSTONE OWNER PATRICK DUBÉ

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Acting vice-principal appointed at high school

by ANGELICA BLENICH & DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Following the transfer of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School vice-principal Gord Wood to a school in Cobocok, Trillium Lakelands District School Board has announced a new individual to fill the position.

HHSS English teacher David Waito has been appointed the acting vice-principal, set to fill the position until the end of the school year, TLDSB director of communications Catherine Shedden told the paper.

“It’s typical for principals and vice-principals to be shuffled again at the end of the school year,” said Shedden. “It’s also an

opportunity, and again this is something that’s quite common across our board, to give upcoming leaders opportunities to try the role.”

Wood was transferred to the position of vice-principal of Ridgewood Public School in Cobocok.

“That was a school that needed a vice-principal,” said Shedden.

Students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School walked out of class this past Monday morning, occupying the entire front lobby of the school to show their appreciation and support for the recently transferred vice-principal.

Several students stood on a bench, asking that the vice-principal be returned to

Haliburton and describing what Wood meant to them. Examples included his efforts to ensure there was a girls’ rugby team, the academic encouragement he gave to students and how he simply treated students with respect and dignity.

The students shared the opportunity to speak with parents and private citizens such as former student Deloris Bailey of 1959.

Bailey, with a tremble in her voice, read from her letter to the board dated Jan. 27 and said the board is not adhering to its own mission statement, which in part says students are the focus, schools are a reflection of the community and that it strives to consider students’ needs in all decisions.

She said this decision was a surprise to her and the students.

“We might be older, and hopefully wiser than young people, but often they pleasantly surprise us. Listen to what they have to say and keep Mr. Wood at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School,” she read.

Another adult said she was proud of the students, reminding them to always stand up for what is right and always ask why.

Not all of the students participated in the walk out.

Shedden said the board had received a few calls and letters from members of the public during the past week but reiterated the decision would not be reversed.

Province and Carillion to make changes

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The province will be making some changes to provincial highway maintenance in Haliburton County after municipal political leaders and MPP Laurie Scott met with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and contractor Carillion on Jan. 27.

This year marks the third winter in a 10-year contract between the province and Carillion for the winter maintenance of provincial highways in the county. Residents have complained about the marked drop in the quality of maintenance during that time and some townships have sent correspondence to the province voicing their concern.

"We all had a ton of problems we wanted to talk about," Scott told the paper. "They have been listening." Scott's office has been receiving complaints about highway maintenance and she's been collecting signatures for a petition. The MPP said the reps from Carillion were aware of the complaints and that the company's reputation in Haliburton County and other communities she represents was not sterling. Scott had three separate meetings with the MTO and Carillion Tuesday, all dealing with highway maintenance in different parts of her Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding.

Among improvements is the addition of a contingency truck at the yard off Highway 35 south of Minden. A recent letter to the editor traced a treacherous trip up the highway. When the author reached the yard, he was told the truck that looked after that area had broken down and there wasn't one to replace it with.

Scott said there would also be integration of communications, not only between Carillion operators in various districts – much of the county is located in what the province refers to as its Huntsville

district – but between Carillion and local municipalities.

In Dysart et al, the province will be installing a high-definition camera on Dover's Hill, just east of Haliburton Village on Highway 118, to keep an eye on conditions.

Carillion will also make route adjustments so that high-risk areas such as Dover's Hill and the hill near Miner's Bay are cleared earlier and more frequently. "They will go east on 118 [when they leave Haliburton Village] rather than west, first," Fearrey said. While highways 35 and 118 are currently Class 3 roadways throughout much of the county, Fearrey said he believes that 118 actually has enough traffic to be considered a Class 2 road, which has higher maintenance standards. Roads are classified based on the volume of traffic they receive.

"We're saying we think there are more than 2,000 cars from West Guilford [into Haliburton Village]," Fearrey said.

"We talked about public concerns, of course, but specifically about Dover's Hill, the tow plows, plow routes and the very strange change of road classification half-way across Highway 118 West at Clear Lake," Algonquin

Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt told the paper. "Since there's no town at that reclassification point, I asked for further details and they will provide us with the traffic counts. It makes no sense the change of the classification there, especially when the Haliburton section gets the lower classification. MTO is fielding a tremendous amount of feedback on the maintenance issue and they concede that they continue to tweak and work on the contract."

"The tone of it was better than I expected," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

In particular, Devolin said he was pleased Carillion reps said they'd look into the tow plows used along Highway 35. When a tow plow is extended, a truck and its plow take up two lanes.

"At times, it's been problematic," Devolin said, adding the company was looking at modifications. "It seems the people from the MTO and Carillion are aware there need to be some changes."

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County to acquire debt for 2015 budget

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

In a rare move, Haliburton County councillors have decided the municipality will take out a loan as they prepare the 2015 budget.

The upper tier is facing mounting financial pressures and shrinking reserves and during a Jan. 28 council meeting, treasurer Laura Janke recommended councillors consider borrowing.

"I'm proposing this," Janke said. "I'm not not jumping up and down, but I'm saying it is time to consider it."

Financial pressures include a large 2014 deficit expected to be approximately \$500,000, much of that in the roads department and stemming from severe weather and snowfall last winter, as well as flooding throughout the county around Canada Day.

The county is losing another \$136,000 in equalization payments from the province through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund this year, the roads department is seeking an additional \$100,000 for its winter maintenance reserve and the Dark Lake bridge requires nearly \$300,000 worth of work.

The draft roads budget is some \$6 million.

The overall draft budget has a levy increase of \$1.5 million over last year. While growth – new taxes – will contribute about \$404,000, that leaves an increase of some

\$1.1 million the county would have to raise through taxation, if the work laid out in the budget is to be completed.

Its new EMS base is under construction off Highway 35, the building costs for which are approximately \$1.2 million and with HST, contingency and land costs, the county will need to borrow some \$1.7 million for the project.

"But we're not putting any of our own capital into that," Janke said. "That is borrowing 100 per cent of the costs."

With the levy rising from last year's \$13 million to \$14.1 million, it would mean a tax increase of 8.5 per cent at the county level.

In recent years, the county has drawn on reserves to help keep property taxes down. Last year's increase at the upper-tier level was two per cent.

The county's reserves dropped by \$827,000 in 2014, due largely to the deficit. By the end of this year, it's expected total reserves will be approximately \$2.3 million.

Auditors indicate that to be healthy, a municipality's reserves should be in the neighbourhood of a half a year's tax levy, so in the case of the county, about \$7 million.

The county has been debt-free for the past few years and has been turned down for grants because of it. Councillors reasoned one silver lining of taking on some debt may be that grants get easier to come by.

"We've been told straight up we're in too good a financial position," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin didn't want to see necessary projects overlooked in the interest of keeping taxes down and noted this had led to infrastructure failings in other municipalities, such as Toronto.

"In the interest of keeping taxes low, there have been things that have been let go," Devolin said.

Councillors indicated they'd be comfortable borrowing as much as \$2 million.

"It's like a cottage on West Shore," said Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "We're talking about the debt level of the county."

Scenarios drawn up by Janke showed that a \$2 million loan could be paid off with installments of \$697,000 during three years for a total of \$2.09 million or installments of \$431,000 during five years for a total of \$2.15 million.

Rather than pick a target percentage to aim for, councillors agreed they'd wait and see what kind of revised draft Janke comes back with in March.

"I'd like to see what the \$2 million could bring us to and then go from there," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt said she didn't think many residents realized the amount of work that goes into the back end of their tax bill.

"We're not sitting around with a tub of gin and a deck of cards doing budget discussions," Moffatt said.

HHOA to keep \$10,000 grant from the county

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which operates the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, will keep a \$10,000 grant from Haliburton County for 2015.

The association has received municipal funding for a number of years, at one time as much as \$25,000 annually.

During the past few years, the county has made an attempt to wean some organizations that rely on municipal funding off its dime.

Last year, council asked the HHOA to tangibly demonstrate how the hatchery contributed to the county's tourism economy and at least one member says it's failed to do so.

"We made a deal and they didn't follow through on that," Algonquin Highlands Reeve and county tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt said during a Jan. 28 council meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, HHOA president Rex Henry gave a presentation on the association, accompanied by a video detailing operations and programming at the hatchery, which it has been operating for the past 15 years.

"Last year we surpassed half a million fish stocked, which was a significant milestone," Henry told council-

lors, adding the hatchery attracts about 2,000 tourists a year.

It offers children's programming and volunteering opportunities for high school students, who work alongside the nearly 60 volunteers who keep the hatchery running.

"County council has asked how 2014 funding was used to benefit tourism," Henry said. "The \$10,000 Haliburton County funding for 2014 was used to pay part of the \$26,000 salary paid to our full-time office administrator. The balance of those dollars were raised by HHOA volunteers through fundraising dinners, auctions, garage sales and membership dues."

Henry said without the position, the association would try to continue to produce fish, but would not be able to keep the hatchery's doors open to the public.

"I'm not going to die on this hill, I think what they do is fabulous," Moffatt said, though reiterating she thought the association had failed to present tangible proof of its contribution to tourism.

"I believe they believe they've given us that," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt suggested if funding was going to continue, the county strike some kind of collaborative agreement with the association, including goals, "not to challenge them, but to help them be better at what it is they're doing."

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen thought it was troublesome that money from the county's tourism budget had been used to a pay a staff member.

Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey contended the association was different than other organizations because it had an expensive facility to maintain.

"None of these other organizations are doing that," Fearrey said. "They're one of a kind. Their hydro bill is just unbelievable."

The association's 2014 actuals showed its electricity bill at nearly \$17,000. Its overall expenses for the year totalled just more than \$100,000, its overall revenues just more than \$80,000.

Councillors left the \$10,000 grant in the draft budget. Council has yet to give the budget final approval.

Unwind Local - and that's final

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors are standing firmly behind the tourism department's new Unwind Local campaign.

That campaign, being spread through a series of promotional videos, was unveiled at a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting, where it was supported by the committee and the first video subsequently released.

While reaction has been generally positive, there have been some negative comments about the slogan's poor grammar, which is intentional, capitalizing on the "eat local" and "shop local" trends.

Some critics have said, via social media and letters to the editor, the slogan makes the community seem like it's comprised of a bunch of hicks.

"I think the sophistication of the video counteracts any concerns around that," said tourism director Amanda Virtanen, who stressed the campaign was just that, a campaign, and not a brand. "We've decided the target audience is pleased with the video."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt noted the negative feedback was specifically about the grammar, not the marketing.

"We have someone who has many years of very high-end marketing experience," Moffatt said of Virtanen, who's held positions with a number of major companies including Toronto PR agency Cohn & Wolfe.

Moffatt added those criticizing the campaign on social media and using the hashtag #MyHaliburtonHighlands should stop it.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin thought the larger audience understood the strategic advantage of capitalizing on the "local" trend.

"I think it's great and everybody else can just shut up about it," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Council supported the campaign with a resolution.

"Thank you very much for your support," Virtanen said. "We can all move on now."

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Last year we surpassed half a million fish stocked, which was a significant milestone.

— REX HENRY, HHOA PRESIDENT

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County contributes \$100,000 to Minden housing project

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 28 meeting of Haliburton County council:

Councillors agreed the county would contribute \$100,000 to a single-storey, 12-unit affordable housing complex the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation will construct off Minden's Stouffer Street.

"The \$100,000 isn't needed in 2015," corporation CEO Hope Lee told councillors. "It is needed before the project's complete."

The corporation is hoping construction will get underway in early 2016, with occupancy taking place in early 2017.

It has asked Minden Hills council to donate the land for

the project, waive zoning and other municipal fees and either waive or provide reduced property taxes (the latter is a legislated requirement for such projects).

The bulk of the project's funding would be \$1 million from the federal and provincial governments through the Investment for Affordable Housing in Ontario program.

County supports age-friendly grant

Council supported an age-friendly community planning grant application after hearing a presentation from Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit and member the local aging well committee.

Small communities (with populations under 20,000) can receive grants of up to \$25,000 for projects.

The county will provide a letter of support, act as the holding agency if funds are awarded and assign a rep to

an age-friendly communities working group.

Ride-sharing grant sought

Kate Hall and Lisa Tolentino of the RTO (Rural Transportation Options) committee, part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, made a presentation, explaining they were seeking a grant from the Ministry of Transportation for a ride-sharing pilot program.

Ride-sharing is organized car-pooling.

The group is seeking a grant of \$77,000 to assist with a two-year pilot project that would begin April 1.

Since applications must be made by a municipality, Hall and Tolentino requested the county make the application and appoint a councillor or staff member to sit on the community transportation partnership that will meet quarterly to discuss the project.

Federal NDP candidate chosen for riding

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**
Times Staff

With rumblings of a federal election anticipated in the coming months, the local ballot is beginning to fill up with choices.

On Jan. 31 the local NDP riding association selected Mike Perry to be their candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Winning the nomination on the first ballot, Perry was overwhelmed by the support he received in a record turnout at the nomination meeting held in Lindsay last weekend.

"It was a packed house," he said. "People are interested."

Perry was up against two other individuals for the position, former NDP candidate Lyn Edwards and Linda Cowan-Griffith.

Perry officially put his name into the nomination race last fall, deciding it was time to jump into federal politics.

"I've always been involved in the community as a volunteer," he said. "I find community issues are important to all of us. To me this was taking community service to the next level and seeing how we can make the federal government work for us here locally."

Involved with the NDP riding association for some

time, Perry won the local nomination about 10 years ago but had to withdraw for health reasons, he said.

Raised in Fenelon Falls, Perry, 44, is a lawyer and social worker and currently the executive director of the Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team, a position he will hold until the election is called, he said.

"I've got long-time family roots [in the area]," he said. "Our family land is still in Kinmount from my great grandfather's homesteading days."

Perry wears many volunteer hats, including being chairman of the Bobcaygeon Food Bank, a Governor of Fleming College and has also worked in Ottawa with the federal government in the areas of international law.

He has always been attracted to the NDP party because of its connection to working families and its history in the political landscape of this country, he said.

"To me the NDP has always stood up for the little guy and always put people first," he said. "They are very much about community and so am I and that was the best fit for my values."

There has never been an NDP candidate elected MP since the HKLB riding was established, a fact Perry is acutely aware of, however he is up for the challenge.

"We were NDP provincially in the 1990s and we did come in second here, federally, in the last election," he

said. "I've been really encouraged by the people I talk to. There definitely is a sense of change and wanting politics to be about communities again. I love a good challenge and we're going to work very, very hard to run a great campaign and convince people it is possible."

Issues Perry will speak to throughout his campaign include healthcare, the environment and childcare for working families.

"Let's start by talking jobs and developing the local economy. That's got to be job one," he said. "Our income level is under the provincial average and that's not acceptable."

Perry also points to reducing taxes for small business and advocating for funding from Ottawa for both the arts and green economies as issues he is passionate about.

"We've done the whole tax and spending cuts ... for 160 years with the traditional parties. It's time to be bold. Bold times mean bold steps," he said. "We've tried the other way, why would we keep repeating the same old tired attempt?"

When he was selected as the local candidate, Perry said he felt honoured and can't wait to start campaigning.

"It's moving to see people have confidence in me and be so interested in a new choice and in the NDP. It's exhilarating too and I'm ready to go."



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Build up

A TEMPTING offer was put on Minden Hills council's proverbial plate last week.

And council should go for it. Greystone – the construction company behind Haliburton's Granite Cove condominiums – has aspirations for a condo development on Minden's Newcastle Street, on a property just beside the Haliburton County office.

The building, which would contain 15 two-bedroom units, would appear, from Newcastle Street, to be two storeys tall, but would actually house four floors, all of them visible from the property's rear where it meets the Minden Hills municipal lot.

There is a catch.

The company is requesting a right-of-way over the municipal parking lot for residents of the building to access the building's heated parking garage, as well as the elimination of two parking spaces for the creation of an entranceway to said garage.

Some may bristle at the idea of a right-of-way over the municipal lot or more so at the idea of eliminating two parking spaces from that lot.

After all, Minden needs more, not less, downtown parking to accommodate summer traffic.

Well, first consider that the municipal lot is basically already a road, literally, with Pritchard Lane bisecting the lot and connecting Milne and St.

Germaine streets.

While there may be some concern about increased traffic, consider that most residents of Greystone's other condo buildings are between the ages of 55 and 90.

Not to come across ageist, but there's good a chance that most of the building's residents wouldn't be driving in and out all that often.

That's why they're moving into town in the first place. To be close to things.

The proposed development would meet a demand that is going to continue for the next couple of decades as hordes of baby boomers retire.

Once too old to look after the lakefront properties they retired to, they're going to

want to come into town, live in spaces where they aren't responsible for upkeep or yard work and are close to amenities such as grocery stores, doctors and the all-important pharmacy.

A flood of grey hair is going to require Minden to build up and the type of aesthetically pleasing facility the developer is proposing is just the way to do it.

It's time to plan for the Minden of the not-so-distant future.

There's also financial opportunity for the municipality. Not only would the development mean increased property taxed revenue, but the township is in a position to strike a deal on those two parking spots.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

KWARKY



Kim Wark

LET'S PLAY TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE: WE'VE LOST A TON OF MONEY. MOST OF YOU WILL BE FIRED. I'M A COMEDIAN.

My Super Bowl victory

I'M GOING TO BE honest with you here. I don't watch NFL games ever. Don't know a thing about it; I'm not all that interested either.

But somewhere deep inside me, I'm clearly an expert on the subject.

If you need proof, look no further than a recent Super Bowl party – the first I attended, in fact. There I predicted the winner of the contest as well as the score with enough accuracy to win a small fortune. Provided, of course, you consider \$10 in toonies a small fortune.

In any case, let's not tell Revenue Canada, OK?

Despite the fact that I have no interest in football, my victory wasn't the result of some stupid random guess.

No, I won that money after doing my homework. First, I asked the people at the party who was playing. That's a key first step. Then I chose the winning team based on solid assumptions about their names.

That meant I evaluated the Seahawk monicker. This led me to realize that Seahawk was a term often used to describe our own osprey. After eating a few more hors d'oeuvres, I concluded though ospreys are quite adept at catching fish with their talons, footballs are a different matter entirely. They'd probably puncture the old pigskin, deflating it and causing another controversy. With this insight gained, I immediately decided that the Patriots stood a much better chance of winning since patriots are invariably humans who possess opposable thumbs.

That just left me to choose how much they would win by. That was easy. Seven has been my favourite number for quite a while.

It turned out that the Patriots did indeed

win, but only by four – now my new favourite number, by the way. As a result, I was only off by three, which was close enough to win in our small pool.

When you display a startling amount of instinctive football acumen, as I did on that night, you'd think that all the people who truly follow football, know the stats, understand the game and its nuances would welcome friendly advice on how to choose a winning team and why they were so wrong. But apparently, they don't.

I'm not going to say there was bitterness or a dismissive attitude about my expertise. Nor will I suggest that those "football fans"

were unreceptive to my theory that "the Pats" could not help but win, especially since Tom Brady's last name is spelled the same as the Brady family's in the old TV series, the Brady Bunch. And we know they were all winners.

Let's just say they seemed perturbed that they never thought of all this.

In hindsight, I believe the complex nature of how I went about predicting the

winner and score was perhaps a bit much for minds mired down in "statistics," "past performance" and "logic."

As you can see, I clearly did not pull these predictions out of a part of my anatomy that things shouldn't be pulled out of – even though this is what the "knowledgeable" members of the gathering suggested.

What they seem to dismiss is the fact that I have a high level of football knowledge gained predominantly from several Nerf footballs I owned as a kid.

Now that I've explained how you pick winners in football based on names and favourite numbers, only one thing bothers me. How come that game wasn't Giants versus Titans?

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Groundhog Day

IDIDN'T BOTHER to find out whether the groundhog saw her shadow earlier this week. What's the point? Any groundhog who wanders out in this weather is a bubble and a half off plumb and can't be very reliable.

On Groundhog Day I hauled in another few cords of firewood. My weather toe tells me it will be needed.

It's been a tough winter so far, despite the spurts of melting warmth that nature has tossed out to tease us.

Winter did not start well. November seemed colder and was much snowier than usual. More than 66 centimetres (26 inches) of snow fell in November. The average snowfall for the month is 36 centimetres (14 inches).

The average mean temperature for November was 0.7 Celsius, a bit warmer than the average November of 0.1 C. However, a late month warm spell that had temperatures well above normal made the month look warmer than it was, and melted most of the snow.

December also seemed warmer with an average mean temperature of minus 4.6 C compared with the average of minus 7.1. Again, a mild spell over Christmas week skewed the average. It was almost 10 degrees Celsius on Christmas Eve. Snowfall was only 31 centimetres compared with the average of 59 centimetres for December.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Then came brutal January with 11 mornings minus 25 C or colder. Five of them were minus 30 or colder. The average mean temperature last month was minus 14 C compared with the usual average of minus 9.8. Snowfall was 70.2 centimetres (28 inches), just above the average of 68.

Historically, February snow and temperature averages are almost the same as January so there's not much hope that winter will get less severe before March.

These weather statistics are not easy to come by. Environment Canada has closed many of its manual weather collection operations. It prefers the less costly automated stations, which complicate trying to get accurate snowfall statistics.

Manual stations measure snowfall by sending a person outside with a ruler. Snow depths are measured in several locations, and the numbers added and averaged to report how much snow has fallen. Automated stations catch falling snow, melt it and measure the resulting water, which is reported in millimetres.

Environment Canada says that a ratio of one to 10 can be applied to the water equivalent to determine the amount of snow. In other words, 10 millimetres of water from melted snow is equivalent to 10 centimetres of snow. So you simply change the units from mm to cm to find out how much snow fell.

Well, not exactly. All snow is not equal. Some is wet and heavy. Some is dry and fluffy. So 10 millimetres of water from melted snow does not necessarily equal 10 centimetres of snow. It could be seven centimetres or 15 centimetres depending on the moisture content of the snow.

So snowfall reports from automated stations are not always accurate. Also you can't always trust the automated system because data is missing for some days, raising suspicions about the reliability of the equipment.

There is another complication for Haliburton County weather watchers. When Environment Canada reports the Haliburton weather, the information actually is from an automated station in Bancroft. The other closest Environment Canada station is at Muskoka Airport, where the weather can be significantly different from Haliburton.

The good news is that someone close by is recording Haliburton-Minden area weather, including manually measuring snowfall. It is a volunteer weather collection station called Haliburton 3 and its data can be found by going to Environment Canada's Haliburton weather page, clicking Historical Weather, then Advanced Search and typing Haliburton 3.

That's a rather complicated way to get more accurate snowfall information for our area.

But it's probably easier than venturing outside with a ruler and thermometer. Or relying on Haliburton Harriet to tell you that we are in for six more weeks of winter.

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Long live The Brown Dog Jiggs

To the Editor,

My daughter and I had the pleasure to meet the Brown Dog Jiggs, and his owner Neil Campbell, at the Kinmount Fair a few years ago.

Campbell's column in the *Times* evoked the richness of life "Back of Beyond." The column combined personal stories and local lore with a kind of mystical appreciation for

life cycles and connections. Plus it went down nicely with a morning cup of coffee. As a bonus, Jiggs himself would pen the occasional column to provide some fresh perspective.

Campbell's "Song for Jiggs" (Jan. 6) was a beautiful tribute. Long live Jiggs!

Ian Kinross
Minden Lake

Share community promotional space

To the Editor,

The Highlands are an amazing place to live. One look at any community bulletin board will show the wide variety of events, fundraisers, and opportunities being organized and offered on an ongoing basis. For those of us that are involved in promoting the activities of non-profit organizations, these boards are an important resource for getting the word out. Recently, it has become more and more difficult to do that because of the limited promotional "real estate" and the way that it is being used by some organiza-

tions. Larger posters – larger than 8 ½ x 11 – take up more than their fair share of promotional space, especially when that space is limited. Additionally, some events have two or three flyers/posters on every board in sight. Please, be sensitive to the efforts of other organizations and their hard working volunteers: design flyers and posters that "fit in" the local promotional landscape and leave space for others to promote their hard work as well.

Thom Lambert

This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Feb. 4, 2005 issue:

Jerry Grozelle reports that local police officers and politicians are excited after the province announces it is issuing a request for proposals for a new, 9,990-square foot detachment along Highway 35.

There had been a number of issues with the previous detachment building, including a single holding cell, inadequate space for conducting interviews and the presence of mould.

Staff Sgt. Bob Walli was delighted by the news.

"How do you spell yabba dabba doo?" he told the paper.

Following a break-in, the owners of the Kinmount grocery store announce they will no longer be selling cigarettes. According to a story by Jerry Grozelle, thieves broke into the store through the front door, making off with about \$3,500 worth of cigarettes as well as 30 rental DVDs.

Owner Tom Land told the paper he was convinced the theft was linked to a recent increase in the price of cigarettes.

Columnist Neil Campbell takes on letter-writers with issues over new same-sex mar-

riage legislation. "We should be grateful for the great same-sex debate because without it our leaders would be wasting their time on trivial matters, like child poverty, the economy, climate change or the crisis in agriculture" Campbell wrote in his column, Back of Beyond. "Why homosexuals would want to be included in an institution that hardly every works for heterosexuals anymore is anybody's guess . . . Taking the Bible at its word gets confusing for the uninitiated. It is full of stonings and burnings and abominating then instructs us Thou Shalt Not Kill. Or to turn the other cheek. It's in the book."

From the Feb. 5, 1990 issue:

Jay-Kerr Wilson reports that air quality is a problem at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and that the Home and School Association is asking the Haliburton County School Board to do something about it.

"Air quality in the annex has been a concern of the association since the board leased the former IGA building for use as classrooms in 1988," his story reads. "The results of two air quality studies – one conducted in January, 1989 by the health unit and another conducted in October by the ministry of labour – indicate a problem with air quality does exist."

The association was requesting a new ventilation system for the building.

Religion classes remain intact at Haliburton County's schools for the time being. However, a ruling in the Ontario Court of Appeal in January found a regulation in the Education Act allowing religious instruction to indoctrinate students with Christian faith violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

At the county's elementary schools, religion classes included two half-hour periods each week, taught by ministers from churches in the community.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Grateful for Minden ER

To the Editor,

Due to a foot problem, I have had to attend Minden emergency department a number of times these past two months. I would be negligent should I not express my gratitude to the genuine efforts and concerns of the medical staff that operate there. In particular, I received a totally unexpected telephone call at my resi-

dence from one of the doctors who wished to know how I was doing, this was sincerely appreciated. We residents of Minden area and visitors are extremely fortunate to have such caring emergency medical personnel available to our community.

Mike Legge
Minden

Customers happy with service in Highlands

To the Editor,

After reading a story in the *Minden Times*, "Getting tough with customer service," I felt I had to respond to it. We moved up to Haliburton on May 31 from southwestern Ontario. Our closest shopping town to us was Goderich, Ont., and believe me if you have ever shopped in Goderich you would be very proud of your customer service here. True we have run into some that leave much to be desired but for the most part we have been very well treated. I would especially like to

recognize the younger generation who work in the stores here. We have always found them to be very helpful, friendly and pleasant. I realize in a small community like ours customer service is very important especially with our economy being as it is, but acknowledging a job well done, from us, the consumer goes a long way also.

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This year's OSGA 55+ Winter Games gold, silver and bronze medals have been designed and made by Terry Craig, left, and Jennifer Wanless-Craig of Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

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Competitors at the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games hosted by Haliburton County from Feb. 17 to 19 will be working even harder to achieve a podium placing when they see the medals presented to gold, silver and bronze medalists.

Similar to the award presented in 2011, the 2015 edition has been updated and stylized.

"We didn't see the point in re-inventing the wheel," said Games chairman Alan Clark. "The competitors loved the medals in 2011, so we simply worked to make them even more attractive".

The medals have been designed and made by Jennifer Wanless-Craig and Terry Craig of Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

Games general manager Myke Malone said, "The goal was to take the 2011 model and make it smaller, more artistic and to better identify the gold, silver and bronze categories."

He adds, "Jenn and Terry took up the challenge and have produced a gorgeous medal".

More than 300 medals have been pro-

duced by Artech to be presented to the winners in the 10 sports on the games schedule.

Submitted



A close up of the gold medal.

Photos submitted

Banners to hang in Minden once again

It's going to be a banner year once again for Minden.

The Minden Hills Festival of Banner Committee has come back to life after a two-year hiatus and is looking for painters to brighten up the streets of Minden Village.

The committee has chosen the theme "Let The Games Begin" for the 2015 Festival of Banners. "The theme reflects the fact that Minden is hosting a portion of the Pan Am Games this summer," committee chair Deborah Lyons said. She noted, while there are only two events being held here at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, the canoe and kayak slalom competitions, banner artists are being encouraged to consider all aspects of the Pan Am Games and Parapan Am Games when creating their designs.

Painters of all abilities are invited to submit designs. The first step is to create a maquette or smaller version of the banner. A committee will assess the entries and choose the ones to be completed. The entry form includes the maquette dimensions. The committee provides the venue for the painting, paints, brushes and will schedule the painters during the month of April. The selected designs will be mounted on hydro poles throughout the village in early May and remain on display until after Thanksgiving.

The Festival of Banners also encourages students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School to become involved.

There are 27 spots in the downtown area reserved for the student submissions. The creation of these designs is coordinated through the school with students from Grade 3 and up taking part. Children who are home schooled are also welcome to submit designs. A number of adult banner locations are also reserved for high school students who wish to participate. There is no entry fee for student designs, but there is a fee of \$5 for each adult submission to help cover the cost of administration. Painters can submit more than one design if they wish.

An information package and entry forms are available at the Organic Times, 134 Main St. in Minden. This information is also available by email. Simply contact committee member Jack Brezina at kevker@sympatico.ca to have it sent.

"Over the six years of the Festival, the banners have made a colourful addition to our community. We know our banner painters will help brighten up the streets once again," Lyons concluded.

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners is made possible with the assistance of the municipality of Minden Hills, Ontario Hydro, area sponsors and creative people like you.

Members of the organizing committee include: Deborah Lyons, Ila Kellett, Cammy George, Laurie Carmount,

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Winter Road Maintenance Petition

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is supporting efforts by Member of Provincial Parliament Laurie Scott and local representatives of the Townships and County of Haliburton to improve winter road maintenance across the Haliburton Highlands.

A petition, calling on the Ministry of Transportation to take immediate action to improve the maintenance of winter roads, will be presented by MPP Scott to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario at Queen's Park.

Visit the Chamber Office at 195 Highland Street in Haliburton (Lower Level) to sign the petition OR download a copy from MPP Scott's website (www.lauriescottmpp.com), and drop completed petitions off at the Haliburton Echo or Minden Times. Other copies of the petition have been distributed across the County of Haliburton.

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Same-day appointments available

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 29 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting.

Same-day appointments are available with doctors at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and can be booked by calling the health team Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian said the community at large didn't seem aware of this service. Both non-registered and registered patients may make appointments.

HHHS to rebrand

HHHS has received \$50,000 in funding for the rebranding of the organization.

"It's been 15 years since we developed our logos," said CEO Varouj Eskedjian. "We've got to look towards the future as well when we're designing our communications strategies."

The work will be put out to tender for those with design experience, the decision coming back to the board.

Minden ER busier

The emergency room at the Minden HHHS site sees more traffic than its Haliburton counterpart.

"We were dead even about 10 years ago," Karaguesian told board members.

While the Haliburton ER receives some

11,000 annual visits, the Minden facility sees more like 13,500.

"I think a lot of that has to do with that we have the vast majority of family physicians here [in Haliburton]," Karaguesian said.

Eskedjian added that Minden is also closer to the border with the City of Kawartha Lakes and receives patients from the northern portion of the neighbouring municipality.

Kids determine care

"In Ontario, children have the right to refuse medical treatment," Eskedjian told board members.

There's been focus on this issue after an 11-year-old girl from the New Credit First Nation died earlier this month after stopping cancer treatments in favour of natural alternatives.

Most provinces have a minimum age at which people exercise full discretion over their medical care. In Manitoba, it's 16. In Quebec, teenagers must pass a test to become "mature minors" at 14.

Privacy breach

Some 578 patients of Lakeridge Health in Oshawa recently discovered there had

been a breach of their personal health information, which had been handled by 14 staff members not qualified to do so during a 10-year period.

"It's a serious matter," said Eskedjian, adding there had been similar privacy breaches in Rouge Valley and at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. "To my knowledge, we haven't had any breaches of this type of information."

The CEO said staff are reminded to only send records if they're directly involved in a patient's care.

A multi-million-dollar class action lawsuit stemming from a breach in Peterborough could set a precedent with serious financial ramifications for health institutions.

Director Len Logoza found the breach, and how long it has taken to come light, alarming.

"That's a scary one," Logoza said.

Telemedicine well used

Some 500 clinical visits took place through HHHS's telemedicine portals during the first nine months of the 2014/15 year and Eskedjian said physicians are more readily looking at telemedicine, which digitally connects patients and care givers with health professionals in other locations, as an option.



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Peterborough team takes bonspiel title

On Tuesday, Jan. 27 the Minden Curling Club hosted the 2015 Sticks and Stones Bonspiel.

Eight teams from Minden, Bobcaygeon and Peterborough participated in this annual event. All the curlers had to deliver their rocks using a delivery stick.

The winner of the Hudson-Henderson Insurance Trophy was from the Peterborough Curling Club consisting of skip Bruce McArthur, vice Dave Dodd, second Keith Pugsley, and lead Ken Irwin.

Second place went to the Gary Taylor team from Bobcaygeon, and third place went to the local Minden team skipped by Norton Garry.

- Submitted



Darryl Hudson presents the Hudson Henderson Trophy to the winning team from Peterborough. Skip Bruce McArthur, vice Dave Dodd, second Keith Pugsley, and lead Ken Irwin. Submitted by Gord Sheehan

54th mixed bonspiel draws teams from across province

On Jan. 23 and 24 the Minden Curling Club hosted it's 54th annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel.

Teams from Port Perry, Whitby, Collingwood, Newmarket, Haliburton, Sutton and Minden Curling Club comprised the 16 teams most of which are repeat entries. The two-day spiel began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet. Thanks to club volunteers Mike and Norma Clewlow, Jaci Harvey, Linda Lambert, Paul and Penney Elliot, Heather Mepahm, Jim and Marian Gillanders, Barb Maybury, Brian and Nancy Lemire, Marie Lennard, Pat Woodcroft, Iain Kay and Joyce Nilsson, Judith McNielage, Jere Pike, Dave and Vickie Tranter, Wally Ozog, Rosina Hoare and Steve and Audrey Robson.

The A division and the Jug City Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Norton Garry (skip), Barb Millington (vice) Dave Millington (second) and Sandria Garry (lead). The winners of the B division and Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy was won by the Haliburton/York team of Kent Milford (skip), Anne Abbott (vice), Jim Abbott (second) and Lindsay Milford (lead). The C division and Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice), Bert Kennedy (second) and Jayne Kennedy (lead). The D division and Coneybeare's Butcher's Shop Trophy went to the Minden team skipped by Ed Copeland with Mary Copeland (vice), Bruce McClennan (second) and Carol McClennan (lead). Many thanks to our sponsors, Jug City, Heat-Line Freeze Protection, Bill Kulas-Re/Max North Country Realty, and Coneybeare's Butcher Shop.

Special thanks to the following who generously donated items for the raffle draw.

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Rightt, C division winners of the Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy from left to right, Bert Kennedy (second), Jayne Kennedy (lead), Jane Boyd (vice), Scotty Boyd (skip).

Far right, D division winners of the Coneybeare's Butcher Shop Trophy from left to right, Bruce McLennan (second), Carol McLennan (lead), Mary Copeland (vice), Ed Copeland (skip).



Above, A division winners of the Jug City Trophy from left to right. Dave Millington (second), Sandria Garry (lead), Barb Millington (vice), Norton Garry (skip).



Left, B division winners of the Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy from left to right: Kent Milford (skip), Anne Abbott (vice), Jim Abbott (second), Lindsay Milford (lead).



A night of music in support of the Haliburton Feed Company

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Charles McAleaney and Maureen Adams were at a loss for words when they took to the stage at the Dominion Hotel on Jan. 31 to address a packed house there in support of the couple.

The owners of the Haliburton Feed Company were touched by the turnout for a night of music in support of their business, which was destroyed by fire late last year.

“I will tell you this, we couldn’t have done it without the community behind us,” said McAleaney on the rebuilding of the business. “This wouldn’t have happened in Toronto.”

Adams echoed her husband’s sentiments, saying the generosity of the community has had a ripple effect and the support has made a difference not just to the couple but for the animals the Feed Company adopts.

“I can’t think of anything better to do than keep on finding animals and giving animals a home,” she said.

Organized by local musician Jeff Moulton, the fundraiser included a line-up of local talent such as Gord Kidd, Trina West, Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire, Cassidy Glecoff, Albert Saxby and The Maple Beats. Moulton also performed, kicking off the night with a set.

Approximately \$1,600 was raised from the event, which included a silent auction and 50/50 draw.

Moulton said the idea for the fundraiser came from a place of wanting to help out a business that helped him a decade ago.

“I walked into the store 11 years ago and there was a litter of puppies there,” he said. “My wife had just lost her job and so I got one for her to cheer her up. When I heard about the fire I wanted to help them out.”

Moulton reached out to the musical community and



“James Robert Swaller” entertains the packed house at the Dominion Hotel with animal-themed songs in honour of the Haliburton Feed Company on Jan. 31. Organized by local musician Jeff Moulton, the event helped raise about \$1,600 for the Haliburton Feed Company and saw a packed house for a line-up of local talent. The night also included a 50/50 draw and silent auction.

Angelica Blenich/TIMES

Notices



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE 2015 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2015 budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015.

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue it’s 2015 budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for **Friday, February 20, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m.**

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2015.

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Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin and was amazed at the response he got.

“The musical community up here is just great,” he said.

The business owners plan to use the funds to help them with their new store location, which is set to be located in the same spot in the Industrial Park.

“We want to recreate the character that the old location had,” said McAleaney. “That worked for us.”

In the meantime the store has been relocated to a temporary location in the Haliburton Beer Store plaza.



The fundraiser included a silent auction table.



Singer Cassidy Glecoff belts out a tune at the fundraiser for the Haliburton Feed Company. Accompanied by Tim Tofflemire, left, on percussion and Chad Ingram on guitar, Cassidy played songs such as Feeling Good and Back to You.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes - Haliburton is sending out a challenge to all those that feel mentoring children is an important part of our community's health and future! This is a shot of the board of directors/staff dressed to participate in Bowl for Kids Sake. Register

and let's see your best interpretation of the '60s and raise funds for mentoring programs.

Additional incentive prizes are: Top Team - free table for eight at Big Brothers Big Sisters upcoming dinner/auction in June. Individuals who raise the most will qualify for one of the three top prizes: 32 inch TV from Sears Minden, Day Trip to St. Jacobs from Cardinal Coach Tours, Vehicle Rust Proofing from Krown Rust. Other incentive prizes available at the \$100 levels raised in pledges.

Jim DeFlorio, executive directors, says "that this is the largest fundraiser of our year and the organization de-

pends on its success to be able to offer mentoring programs to the community. Our local United Way provides us with funding, but the bulk of the operating budget is raised through the many fundraising events held throughout the year. We count on the community to assist with raising these funds and always try to provide great entertainment and fun time for those that join us."

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Winter at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

by **LAURIE CARMOUNT, CURATOR**
Special to the Times

Winter can mean so many things to so many but to Canadians, I'd say it is something we like to complain about but also have pride in. Pride in our ability to survive, tough it out and even make sport of it – better than any other country.

At the Agnes Jamieson Gallery we are embracing this season. Through these frozen, cold months an exhibition about winter is being offered from Feb. 10 to March 21. Titled "Winter in Canada," this is a juried exhibition. A call for entry went out in December across Canada and 75 entries were received.

Sandra Dupret (Arts and Heritage – Fleming College Principal, Haliburton Campus) worked with me in jurying these entries to 35 pieces. Works were submitted from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. One entry was even from Amsterdam. The request was broad, simply being: what do you think of winter in Canada – express your love/hate relationship. Artists were encouraged to creatively convey this in any media except photography.

A majority of the work was of landscape. Some were textile, sculpture and art films. The variety is impressive; the ideas are engaging. A number of themes emerged.

A selection of work from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's

collection, depicting winter scenes, will also be on display.

Artists will be present for the opening reception being held at the gallery on Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. Please join us for a curatorial talk and refreshments.

With the 55+ Winter Games coming to Minden, this exhibition supports the theme and hopefully many participants will have a chance in their busy schedule to visit.

During the Family Day weekend, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is taking part in the Winterfest activities by hosting FIRE & ICE on Feb. 15. An adult-intended evening, this event offers culinary culture with hot, spicy food from local restaurants and wood-fired pizzas from Into the Blue Bakery. Enjoy music and stomp to the tune in your mukluks or snowshoes. Roaring bonfires, ice forms and twinkly lights set the stage under the stars.

Inside warm up with a scotch, ice wine and or local beer tasting. Tasting ticket is \$25 per person.

View the exhibition at the gallery or join in on the crazy events such as: sled racing, snowshoe relay and snowball throwing contest. Also available are maple syrup and or Bailey's Slushies.

All this fun begins at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Be responsible – and do not lick the frozen metal pole!

This is being held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. For tickets or for more information please contact Laurie Carmount at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 705-286-3763.

Winter chill getting you down?

Think green thoughts – and start planning your spring-time gardens!

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) are pleased to announce that the annual spring plant sale is being offered again this year, in support of land stewardship in Haliburton County.

"This program has been offered for a number of years by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and their partners. When the stewardship council decided to close down their operation, the land trust was asked to step in and help manage this program. It's a good program, and a good fit for us, so we were glad to take it on," says land trust executive director, Larry O'Connor.

Trees, shrubs and perennial plants are available for sale to landowners and community organizations on a first come – first served basis. Many seedlings are sold as "bare root," so buyers are encouraged to make a plan for planting prior to picking up their order, which is currently planned for the Victoria Day weekend, weather permitting. "Bare root trees are generally less expensive, easier to plant properly, and have more of their root structures intact", says O'Connor. "They need some special care, and have to get into the ground faster than other seedlings,

but handled right, they have a higher success rate, too."

The website is now ready to accept orders, at <http://plants.haliburtonlandtrust.ca>. Plants are sorted according to type (tree, shrub or perennial), their preferred habitat (upland or shoreline), with some details to help buyers determine the right conditions for each. Orders are due before April 1. Quantities of some plants are limited.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a charitable organization whose mission is to protect our county's greatest assets - lakes, rivers, streams, forests, fields and all the amazing creatures that live there. Through a combination of land acquisition, stewardship, education, outreach and research, we aim to ensure that the land we love is protected forever for future generations.

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Take a walk on the wild side with snowshoe adventure

DORSET NEWS

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This Saturday's Feb. 7 great snowshoe adventure hike is Wild in Winter. Take a walk on the wild side! Explore the ecology of winter, look for wildlife and their signs and gain insights into how they cope with cold temperatures and deep snow. The time is 10 a.m. to noon and the hike leader is Thom Lambert. Thom is an artist, naturalist, and adventurer who has been the exploring the wilds of the Haliburton Highlands for over 20 years. He is involved in observing and surveying many types of wildlife in the area and loves to share his knowledge of their lives with like-minded folks.

Participants will meet at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at 20130 Hwy 35 (Beside the Frost Centre – 12 km south of Dorset). Registration is required by email-

ing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithefrost.ca. The cost is \$20 per person and snowshoe rentals are available at the special reduced rate of \$5 per pair.

The next snowshoe adventure hike in the series takes place on Sunday, Feb. 15 and is called Family Day Fun on Snowshoes! Discover the wonders of winter critters while having fun with group games on snowshoes. The time is 10 a.m. to noon and participants will meet at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at 20130 Hwy 35 (Beside the Frost Centre – 12 km south of Dorset). As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person.

The Dorset Poker Rally at Lions Camp Dorset is set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 14. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 poker hands with a first prize of \$2,000 CASH! There will be a prize awarded for the most money in pledges too. Lou Moore is back to entertain. The registration fee is \$40 (waived for pledges of \$100 or more) and includes the ride, dinner and poker hand. Pre-registration

takes place on Friday, Feb. 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. and registration is Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road. Pledge sheets are available at www.tallpines.org. OFSC trail permits are only available online beforehand. There will once again be sponsored checkpoints and you must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. For more information, contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Steve (re: accommodations) at 705-766-2780. Proceeds will support Lions Camp Dorset and the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Pioneer Memorial United Church at Hillside, 2370 Hwy 60, is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon on Feb. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and all are welcome! Cost is by donation at the door.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 1 to 7 go out to Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Mark Kearhey, Libby Timbers and Ryan Flynn. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

No lack of euchre games at the Legion



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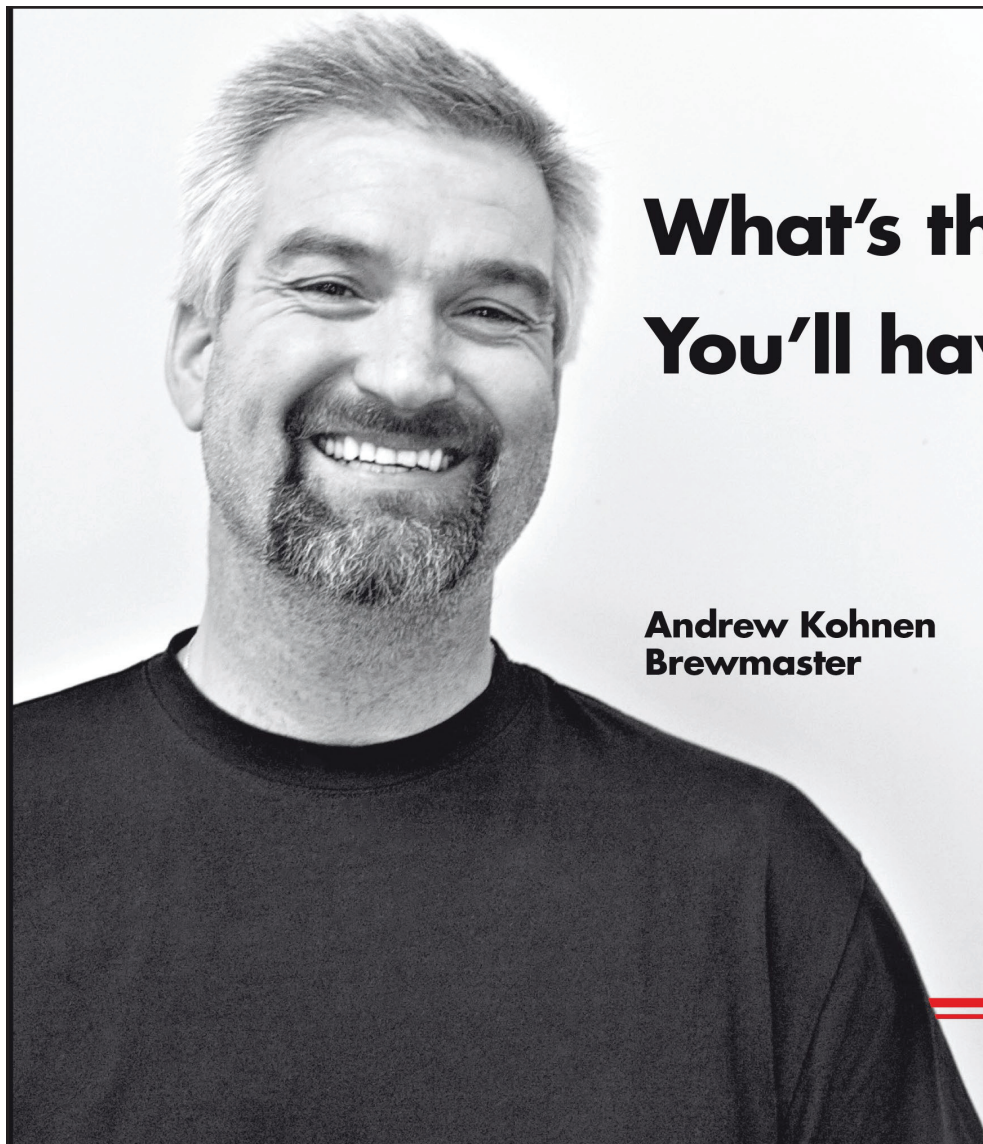
The monthly Sunday euchre this past weekend at the Minden Legion had a good showing with nine tables of players. Our thanks to the half-dozen volunteers who helped put the excellent lunch together. Mark your calendars for the next Sunday euchre to be held March 1, starting at noon. Organizer May Bradbury would like to remind people there is also euchre on Thursdays starting at 7:30 p.m. The evening euchre has also been doing very well, with several new people now attending. The public is invited to break up your week with a pleasant evening of cards. Cost is just \$2 which includes coffee and goodies. There is a member-only zone euchre tournament coming to Beaverton Legion on March 7th. Other upcoming dates in March include five-pin bowling and mixed darts. See the board in the Sports Room for registration details.

You do not have to be a member of the Legion in order to enjoy playing cards and darts at the Minden Legion. However, every membership adds to the credibility of the Royal Canadian Legion when command meets with Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of our injured or aged veterans. Last summer, the report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (AVCA) made 14 recommendations. Tom Eagles, dominion president of The Royal Canadian Legion says "the Legion was expecting to see real action to address problem areas within the New Veterans Charter. We remain committed to the ACVA recommendations and will not cease our efforts to push this government to come up with some tangible progress now. Once again, we repeat our call to the government to act now and commit the necessary resources both legislative and financial to ensure the welfare of our Veterans and their families. They cannot wait any longer and time is running out!" For more information on the Legion's response, or the ACVA recommendations, go to the latest news on www.legion.ca. Whether or not you have a military connection, we encourage you to fill

out an application form at the bar. Memberships include a subscription to LEGION magazine, several member benefits, as well as the right to attend member-only sports events.

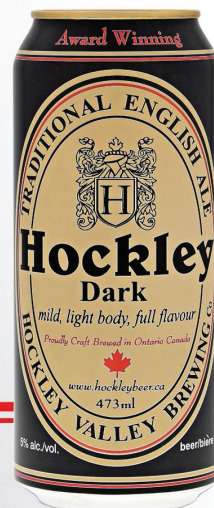
We are very excited about seeing the Valentines for vets from Archie Stouffer Elementary School for our local veterans. This initiative is a spin on the annual campaign which started with Ann Landers back in 1989. At last week's executive meeting, new memberships from Tracy Salvatore, Jay Salvatore and Paul Hwang were proposed and accepted. Jim McKinnon was appointed as the new Sgt-At-Arms to replace Noel Swift who moved to Beaverton. Our thanks to May Bradbury who has been the acting Sgt-at-Arms during the interim.

Minden Legion would like to thank Lisa Burt who recently volunteered to cook in the kitchen. Until our snowbirds return from the sunny south, we still need several other volunteers for cooking or serving. If you could prepare one meal per week, or for occasional evening or weekend events, please contact the Legion at 705-286-4541.



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Here at the old farmhouse my wallet is a little lighter having lost a toonie to Bruce. Seattle Seahawks were looking good in the Super Bowl until that fateful last play. That choice of Seattle was not based on any football research, expertise or even karma but because we had been there on two occasions and Boston only once. Youngest daughter Caitlin had lived just outside Seattle for several years in a beautiful small town called Snohomish and more recently our ship for the Alaskan cruise sailed out from that port. Today we celebrate grandson Ben's 11th birthday. For him hockey continues with a passion and the trumpet playing matures as the Goodwood school band prepares for a spring concert. For us we continue to marvel at his warmth of personality blessed with kindness and compassion for others beyond his years. I remember sitting up into the early hours of that February 2004 morning waiting for the phone call announcing his arrival. Back in my days, fathers were so excluded from the birthing process while Graeme was right there when Benjamin Jacob Morrow Fleury took his first breath even being asked to cut the umbilical cord.

Once again thanks to our great volunteers the natural ice is in and there is public skating at the Kinmount Arena

on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 3 p.m. Call 705-488-3106 for updates and conditions. Ice rentals are also available and for more information give Doug Pearson a call at 705-488-2547.

The Kinmount seniors bus trip to Rama Casino sets out on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. returning at 4 p.m. The cost of \$5 includes lunch and to reserve a space call 705-488-2669.

Looking ahead to Valentine's Day? Why not take your special one to the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 to hear country music with Hal Turner and the Hell Fires on Saturday, February 14th. from 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and homemade soup and sandwiches will be available. This month's Big Bucks Bid Euchre comes up on Wednesday, February 18th starting at 11 a.m. with an admission cost of \$10 which includes lunch. For more details on programs, events, membership and/or hall rentals at this busy branch call 705-488-3462 or check out its facebook page.

Monthly adult computer workshops continue at the Kinmount branch of the CKL library system providing assistance on an individual basis with computer needs. The Friends of the Library Book Sale held on the third Saturday of each month will offer great bargains on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch.

There are still tickets available for the annual Kinmount Bursary Dinner and Auction this Saturday, Feb. 7 at the fully accessible Galway Hall with doors open at 5 p.m. and supper at 6 p.m. sharp. This fun filled evening which raises bursary funds to support local youths in their post secondary endeavours features a full roast beef dinner, loonie auction, silent auction and country raffle. Tickets are \$15/person and can be obtained by calling the Kinmount Pharmacy at 705-488-1960 or Vic Ballik at 705-488-3053.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Kinmount Winterfest with this year's theme celebrating 50 years of our Canadian Flag. The event starts off with a Family

Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. On Sunday, Feb. 22 start the day with a hearty pancake breakfast at the Community Centre being served from 8 to 11 a.m. before heading off to the arena and fairgrounds. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Family Festival with horse-drawn sleigh rides, the famous decorated toboggan downhill dash, children's games, a guided snowshoe trek, skating, broomball and exhibitors including antique snowmobiles. Be sure to proudly wear red and white. For more information call Julie at 705-488-2961 or check out kinmount.ca.

In neighbouring Burnt River during the winter months enjoy walking to music at the Burnt River Community Centre every Tuesday to Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. for a cost of \$2/week. Also there is a special gentle exercise program designed for but not limited to seniors (SAGE) at the centre on Mondays at 9 a.m. These exercises can be done in sitting if preferred.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics is holding a dinner dance on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Haliburton Legion. Cocktail hour is at 5:30 with a delicious full course dinner served at 6:30 p.m. with music to dance by provided by Ron Murphy from Canoe FM. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Quilter's Inn, Kinmount or from one of local athletes Brent Leffering, Carrie Crego or Trevor Brauer. Proceeds will assist Special Olympics with ongoing activities such as bowling and curling. For more information give Yvette a call at 705-488-2282.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace located on the lower level of the Community Centre will re-open this Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a fresh coat of paint and updated displays. Open hours will then continue on extended weekends - Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays - so please drop by. Browsers are always welcome and visitors frequently express surprise at the variety of local arts, handcrafts, books and collectibles offered at this not-for-profit project.

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County card scores

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January 27 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the top trio members were Diane James 4,350, Carol Thompson 4,180 and Wally Ozog 4,080.

January 27 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the high scores was our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh at 4,220 followed by Jack Cox 3,780, Donna Hackwood 3,410 and Frank Schlotter 3,190 with the Lucky Loonie awarded to Carol Bowker.

January 27 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place were Dorene Elstone and our reporter Pearl Cowen 303 then Connie Sawyer going solo 283. Third place finishers were Jean Randell and George Hamilton 280 while Mary Trumbull and Ray Lymer posted the afternoon's low of 199.

January 27 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading Ladies were Eileen Shapiera 320, Clare Obdam 278, Sharron Atkinson 234 and Georgina Parkes 210. First for the gents at 271 was Albert Foster followed by Archie Ross 267, Jesse Barlow 263 and Garth Windsor 252. Pat Roussel won the major draw with Sharron Atkinson, Albert Foster and Eileen Shapiera claiming the smaller prizes. Eileen Shapiera also had a moonshot along with Ron Morrison, Albert Foster, Pat Roussel, Jesse Barlow and Marcy Morgan [2]. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

January 27 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Helen Burk reports that Shirley Davis won for most lone hands with Karin Harrison high lady and Betty Hicks low. For the gents Bruce Shephard took top marks with Ed Timmins low man and Ed McDowell winning the draw.

January 28 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies led at 63 percent then Kathie Porter partnered with Diane James 59 percent and Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 57 percent.

January 28 bid euchre at Stanhope: The high scoring trio members were Jason Peacock 239, our reporter Linda Lambert 193 and Al McMullen 190 with Jason, Linda and Debbie Lamb claiming the moonshots.

January 29 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 228, Eileen Shapiera 223, our reporter Bev Johnson 215 and Jean Scadden 198. First for the gents at 361 was Howard Smith followed by Kevin Maloney 223, Jason Peacock 182 and Ron Morrison 172. Eileen Shapiera held the

hidden score while Kevin Maloney won for call 1 and Theresa Deak for the card call. Jean Scadden took a single moonshot with Howard Smith and Al McMullen each claiming two.

January 29 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Betty Wagar and Harold Harvie with Gala Newell and Howard Smith posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Donna Darby and Tom Bagshaw with Donna also winning the draw. The other prizes were claimed by Reg Coulter, John Deak and Harold Harvie. Thanks to Tom Grix for this news.

January 30 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Rhonda Elstone and Helen Baker 63 percent, Kathie Porter and Linda Cherry 56 percent, Joan Davies and Mary Johnson 53 percent and Jackie Metcalf partnered with Diane James 51 percent.

January 30 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Nick Boekestyn won for high hands, our reporter Shirley Howe for lone hands, Lil Mann for low hands and Arthur Forbes for the special prize.

January 31 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: For the ladies top marks went to Clare Obdam 263, Karin Harrison 246, Jean Scadden 237 and Stella Kennedy 231. First for the gents at 299 was Howard Smith then Dwaine Lloyd 261, Pat Scadden 255 and Pat Norman 254. Our reporter Albert Foster won the major special prize with Tom Grix, Theresa Deak and Clare Obdam claiming the smaller items while Howard Smith [2] and Pat Norman took the moonshots.

February 2 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Kay Godden with Mabel Deacon and Lyn Preston posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows were recorded by Maxine Snell and Yvonne Arbutnot while Mabel Deacon also claimed the special prize and our reporter Tim Sharpe held the hidden score.

February 2 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: First at 309 was our reporter Rose Isaacson then Sam Gaudet 305 and Vic Ballik 279. Gala Newell won the draw while Marcy Morgan and Rose took the moonshots.

February 2 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Lil Mann won for both high hands and the special prize with Pearl Cowen tops for lone hands and our reporter Sherin Brown claiming the prize for low hands.

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Gladys Mariam Fugar (nee Parish)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her loving family by her side at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday evening, January 31, 2015 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Edward Fugar (2007). Loving mother of Dennis Kingston (predeceased), Suzanne (Michael Smith) of Haliburton, step-mother of Steven Fugar of Omemee. Cherished grandmother of Dylan and Makenna. Dear sister of the late Ruby Cowan, late Muriel (late Orval Brown), Helen (late Moss McCracken) of Haliburton, Lois (Cliff Jones) of Thunder Bay and Betty (John Field) of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Friday evening, February 6, 2015 from 7 - 9 PM. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 7, 2015 at 11 o'clock (visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of Alfred "Alf" Milburn

Passed away suddenly at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, surrounded by his family. At the age of 72.

Beloved husband for 53 years to Betty. Dear father of Jeff and his wife Carleen and predeceased by Janet. Loving grandpa to Rob (Paige), Wanda (Jamie), Lesley (Chris), Jarett (deceased), Derek (Janelle) and great pa to Christian, Austin, Mackenzie, Liam, Leighton and Hadley. Dear brother of Alex (Marilyn), May (Larry-deceased), Charlie (Faye) and Leona (Carl). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends were invited to a Celebration of Alf's Life on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at the Minden and District Lions Club, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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In Memory of Bill "Butch" Pollard

(Retired employee of the City of Toronto and the City of Kawartha Lakes)

Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, January 29, 2015 with his loving family by his side. At the age of 67.

Loving husband and soulmate of Cindy (nee Crawford) of Norland for 36 years. Predeceased by his parents Gladys and Bill Pollard.

Dear brother of John of Toronto and Rick (Murrene) of Brampton. Very special son-in-law to Ayleen Crawford, brother-in-law of Rocky (Lori) Crawford and family, son-in-law of Murray (Moir) Crawford. Very special uncle to Anita and Amanda LeCraw. Sadly missed by his family and many friends.

In keeping with Butch's wishes, cremation has taken place. A gathering for family and friends to Celebrate Butch's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation or to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family and be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0



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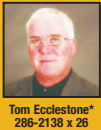
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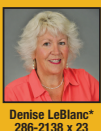
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- Close to Haliburton Village and amenities
- Grass Lake – part of the 5 Lake Chain!
- 3 BR suite upstairs; 1 BR suite downstairs
- Great Location! Great opportunity!

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Pine Street \$259,000



- Large 4 bdrm renovated in town
- New furnace and upstairs windows
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In-town Building lots



- Two adjacent prime downtown lots
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Municipal hookups water/sewer avail.
- Starting at \$44,900

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- High and dry on Main Street w/ paved parking
- C-4 Village commercial zoning tons of potential
- Upstairs living accomms., new furnace
- Nicely landscaped with easy care perennials

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Vacant Lot, Harburn Road \$19,995



- 485Ft Road Frontage, 1.74 Acres
- Country setting with mixed bush
- Hydro/Telephone available
- Approx. 10 minutes to Haliburton Village

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30


13 Acres Minden Building Lot \$55,000



- 13 Well treed acres, both soft and hardwoods
- Building site and driveway in place
- Hydro and telephone at the road
- Backs on to privately owned, non-developed woodlands

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Ideal Starter Home \$99,900



- Starter home or rental
- 660 Square feet
- 2 Bedroom, FAO, drilled well
- 10 Min. to town

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Recently renovated in downtown Minden! \$139,900



- 1,020 sq ft, 2 bdrms, perfect starter or retirement home
- Updates incl new flooring & kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances
- Located on municipal rd, & uses in town services; very low maintenance

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The Gainforth Starting at \$45,000 each



- Executive estate neighbourhood; Large lots
- 42 acres of shared parkland & a pond
- A quiet country setting with south exp
- Only 5 min to Haliburton Village

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Koshlong Lake Area \$79,900



- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

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Large Haliburton Building Lot \$30,000



- 5.08 acres with great access off Hwy 118
- Driveway is installed, great privacy
- Hydro, phone & high speed at the lot line
- 3 km from Haliburton Village

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Minden Home \$149,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home
- Nice level lot and single garage
- Spotless and clean freshly painted
- New carpet and linoleum, close to school

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Great Starter Cottage \$105,000



- 3 bedroom starter cottage
- Private setting
- Township road
- Public access to clear Lake across the road

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home \$229,000



- Recently built Guildcrest home
- Close to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Country Getaway \$229,000



- 4 Season cottage, West Exposure, 340' on Drag River
- Close to Canning Lake, Tranquil setting, 4 acres
- 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths Laundry, Sunroom, Carport & Stor. Shed.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29


Halls Lake \$250,000



- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Haliburton Acreage \$149,000



- 19 Arce Parcel close to Haliburton village
- Features both large road frontage and water frontage
- Great privacy and views over the lake
- Adjacent to 3.5 acres on Kashagawigamog Lake also available

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Yes, you can afford Soyers Lake! \$119,900



- 2.33 acres of well forested land
- Great building sites with awesome lake view
- Water frontage across the quiet cottage road
- Fabulous home or cottage location

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Glamor Lake \$569,000



- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52


Clear Lake \$425,000



- Year Round 3 Bdrm / 2 Bath Chalet
- Emerald Waters 2 Hours from GTA
- Detached Garage for the Toys
- Woodstove, Furnace, Generator

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Cameron Lake Building Lots



- 3 lots to choose from starting at \$125,000
- Good privacy with up to 182 ft frontage
- Year round access
- Quiet clean lake

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water ftg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25


New Haliburton Home \$359,000



- 3 bdrms and 1 1/2 baths w/ large & open living area
- 2700 Sq ft of living space above ground w/ lots of windows & decks
- Brand new 2 storey with lower floor apartment
- Large private backyard & a garage with a finished Bunkie

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Stunning Waterfront Lot \$299,000



- Over 6 acres; West exp. Sand Beach
- 575' on Oblong Lake – a 2 lake chain
- Level lot and year round access
- Bell and high speed at lot line

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